implement its obligations and further time till January 1, 2005 to introduce product patent in the areas of technology not protected so far.

Map of Banni

1530. SHRI SANAT KUMAR MANDAL : Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the attention of the Government has been drawn to news-item captioned "border area map goes missing" appearing in the 'Sundary Observer', dated October 27, and November 2, 1996;

(b) if so, whether any investigation and efforts has been made in this regard; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MOHD. MAQBOOL DAR) : (a) According to the Surveyor General of India, they have no office at Bhuj. The concerned project office mentioned in the news items does not come under the control of Survey of India. Survey of India has not received any information about missing of a map from the concerned project office at Bhuj.

(b) and (c). Question does not arise.

Clashes in Bordering Districts

1531. SHRI JITENDRA NATH DAS : Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government are aware that the frequent clashes are taking place in the bordering districts of West Bengal between the residents and BSF;

(b) the number of clashes which took place during 1994 to 1996;

(c) the details of steps being taken against the guilty jawans of the BSF; and

(d) the steps taken by the Government to avoid such clashes?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MOHD. MAQBOOL DAR) : (a) and (b). Yes, Sir. The incidents of clashes generally relate to the obstruction/resistance by the anti-social elements and their sympathisers against operations conducted by Border Security Force. The number of such incidents in the years 1994 to 1996 are given below :

1994	-	30 incidents.
1995	-	23 incidents.
1996 (upto Nov., 20)	-	24 incidents.

(c) All such incidents are enquired into and the force personnel if found guilty are dealt under the BSF Act and Rules.

(d) Troops are regularly motivated and instructed by supervisory staff at all level to deal with such incidents under law and avoid over reacting to provocation/attacks by miscreants. Further, close liaison is being maintained with local police, Gram Panchayat and district authorities to deal with such problems amicably and to maintain cordial relations with the border population.

Marine Pollution

1532. SHRI NAMDEO DIWATHE : Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government are aware that the problem of marine/oil pollution is increasing on all the major coasts and has assumed alarming proportion;

(b) if so, the details regarding increasing threat of marine pollution over the past five years as assessed by the pollution control agencies in the coastal States;

(c) whether the Government have undertaken comprehensive review of the magnitude and intensity of the problem and formulated an integrated strategy to deal with the dangers posed on this count;

(d) whether badly maintained old vessels with unreliable registration certificates and greater risk of leaking are permitted to enter our waters and whether the Government have claimed and received demerages from the ship owners of oil spilling leaking ships; and

(e) if so, the details thereof alongwith the steps taken to deal with the problem?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (CAPT. JAI NARAYAN PRASAD NISHAD) : (a) to (c). The Department of Ocean Development has an on-going programme on monitoring of marine/oil pollution. The results do not indicate any alarming levels of dissolved and dispersed petroleum hydrocarbons in the waters of the open Coast. However, the pollution problems in some coastal cities were reported around the disposal points of various Municipalities and industries. The Government have taking the following steps :

(i) Schemes have been formulated for providing common effluent treatment facilities and disposal of sewage effluent deep into the sea in some coastal States.

(ii) Rules on Coastal Regulations Zone (CRZ), 1991 under the Environment (Protection) Act, 1986 have been notified for regulating the developmetal works within 500 m from the the coast line.

(iii) A regular water quality monitoring programme has been initiated to check the water quality.

(d) and (e). Normally a vessel entering an Indian Port makes an inward entry after giving details of its

statutory certificates to the Ports. Random inspection of vessels in Ports is carried out by DG (Shipping) and any vessel found deficient is not permitted to sail out until deficiencies are rectified. Claims pertaining to the oil spills and leakages in high seas are made by the Coast Guard through DG (Shipping) combating pollution on high seas. In 1992, a claim of Rs. 20.38 crores has been filed against the ship owner of M.T. Maersk Navigator.

Protection of Peacock

1533. SHRI PARASRAM BHARDWAJ : Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state :

(a) whether any action Plan has been made to protect the peacock, a species facing gradual extinction due to mystery diseases and highly concentrated pesticides; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (CAPT. JAI NARAYAN PRASAD NISHAD) : (a) and (b). No specific action plan has been drawn for the peacock, as it is widely distributed in the country and is not facing extinction. Peacock is afforded full protection from hunting and commercial exploitation under Schedule I of the Wild Life (Protection) Act, 1972. It is also our National bird.

Godowns in Kerala

1534. SHRI N.K. PREMCHANDRAN : Will the Minister of FOOD be pleased to state :

(a) the locations of Food Corporation of India and Central Warehousing Corporation Godowns in Kerala along with their storage capacity;

(b) whether there is any proposal to construct new godowns in the State;

(c) if so, the location and storage capacity thereof; and

(d) the stage at which the matter stands at present?

THE MINISTER OF FOOD AND MINISTER OF CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI DEVENDRA PRASAD YADAV) : (a) The locations and storage capacity of Food Corporation of India and Central Warehousing Corporation godowns are given in the attached Statement-I and II respectively.

(b) and (c). CWC has no proposal to construct new godowns at present.

There are tentative proposals for construction of godowns by FCI in Kerala subject to availability of funds and land at the following places :

	Places	Capacity
1.	Arakulam (Idukki Distt.)	5000 MT
2.	Meenangadi (Wynad Distt.)	5000 MT
3.	Payyanur (Kannur Distt.)	25000 MT
4.	Thirunavayya (Malapuram Distt.)	25000 MT
5.	Mararikulam (Alapuzha Distt.)	10000 MT

(d) Land has already been acquired for the projects at Meenangadi and Payyanur while land acquisition process is on in respect of the projects at Mararikulam, Thirunavayya and Arakulam.

STATEMENT-I

Distt.-wise/Centre-wise Storage Capacity Available with the FCI in Kerala as on 1-10-1996.

(Fig. in '000' tonnes)

Name of the District	Name of the Centre	Capacity		
		Owned.	Hired.	Total
1	2	3	4	5
Alleppy	Alleppy	10.00	3.20	13.20
Mavelikara	Mavalikara	20.00	-	20.0
Calicut	Thiknodi.	45.00	-	45.00
	West Hill Calicut	36.48	-	36.48
Malapuram	Kuttipuram	5.00	-	5.00
Ernakulam	Willingdon Island	60.30	-	60.30
	Tripunithura	-	0.22	0.22
	Angamali	40.00	-	40.00
	Ernakulam	-	1.97	1.97
Kottayam	Chingavanam	15.64	-	15.64
	Pampady	-	0.40	0.40
Cannanore	Muzhzppilangad.	12.56	-	12.56